

FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 11, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Gonsalves, Mrs. Powers, Mrs. Kuechler, Mr. Roderick
Mr. Kruger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Monroe

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Baldwin, Mr. Kitchen, Mr. Kenney, Mrs. Tavares

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OTHERS PRESENT: Ann Richard, community, Michelle Furtado, parent, Diane Hahn, parent,
Joyce Pottel, educator, Colin Veitch, Parent, Louise Barteau, Educator, Renee
Bradshaw, FEA President, Peggy Aulisio, Advocate, Dawn Devlin,
community, Chris Anderson, parent

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:30 p.m.

The Chair informed the audience that the meeting was being videotaped.

Roll Call: Gonsalves, Powers, Roderick, Kruger, Kuechler

Motion made by Mr. Kruger and seconded by Mrs. Powers to approve the December 14, 2011 regular session minutes. Voted 5-0

After quickly reviewing the topics on the public comment sign-in sheet, Mrs. Kuechler reminded the audience that town departments would be having meetings regarding the town turbine project. Mrs. Kuechler encouraged them to attend the meetings.

Lois Bartow, Bruce Peperella, Ken Pottel, Gail O'Reilly and Chris Anderson each addressed the School Committee with their concerns regarding the town turbine project. Diane Hahn and Ann Richard addressed the School Committee with their support for the town turbine project.

There was no report from the Student Advisory Representative.

The School Committee received and placed on file the January 1, 2012 monthly enrollment numbers.

Natalie Hemingway gave the School Committee a brief overview of upcoming events for the Fairhaven Bicentennial. Mrs. Hemingway gave each member a Bicentennial calendar and pencil.

Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee an overview of the Wood School transition plan. This plan proposed using Oxford School for the one year transition. There are a number of conditions that must be met in order to meet this plan.

Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee an overview of the Acushnet Tuition agreement. The agreement will be placed on first reading at the next School Committee meeting.

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Mr. Kenney gave the School Committee an overview of the upcoming Coordinated Program Review.

Dr. Baldwin gave the School Committee an overview of the town economic meeting. At this meeting Dr. Baldwin was informed that each department was directed to build their level service budget for 2013 and then reduce that figure by 2%.

Dr. Baldwin informed the School Committee of upcoming events.

Discussion took place regarding the proposed town meeting articles. These articles will be shared with the committee at the next meeting.

During the questions from individual committee members portion of the School Committee agenda, all members commented on analyzing information regarding the wind turbine issue. They will continue to read information in order to be more informed on the issue.

Motion made by Mr. Kruger and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to adjourn the regular School Committee meeting. Roll call: Gonsalves-yes, Powers-yes, Kruger-yes, Roderick-yes, Kuechler-yes Voted 5-0 unanimously

Adjourned 7:50 p.m

Robert Baldwin, Ed.D
Secretary to the School Committee
Fairhaven Public Schools